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Visit the GLC website for the latest information at www.fffglc.org.
Our summer Fly Fishing School & Conclave held this past June at the Ralph MacMullen Conference Center near Roscommon, Michigan was a great success. Our school format continues to introduce new people to the sport and also provide a means for the experienced to improve their skills. The fishing was excellent, the feeding was great and we made money for education and conservation. Many thanks to all the volunteers, donors and instructors whose hard work and generosity made it possible. Plans are already underway for next year and you should start making your plans now. The dates for next year’s school and conclave are June 17-19, 2016 at the MacMullen Center.

Our Annual GLC Board of Directors meeting was held Sunday June 19 at the MacMullen Center. The meeting was well attended and we welcome three new directors to the Board, Dick Augustine, Deb Freele, and Jen Klabunde. We also elected three new officers on the Board, Jen Klabunde as Secretary, Dennis O’Brien as Treasurer, and Dave Peterson as VP Conservation. Mike Matuszewski has retired from the Board and we want to thank him for his support and work for many years on the Board and as Secretary. Terry Lyons has stepped down as VP Conservation but will remain on the Board. Terry will still be very involved in our conservation efforts as he is chairing the Habitat Restoration and Environment Committee on the Anglers of the Au Sable Board. Terry served many years as our VP Conservation and his outstanding record speaks for itself.

The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC) continues to be busy with hydro dam issues in Michigan. Brownbridge Dam on the Boardman River has been removed and the impact of the removal is very positive. Plans are proceeded to remove the Boardman and Sabin Dams in 2016. Work continues with hydro projects throughout the State. The MHRC continues to need financial support for its work. I encourage all clubs to consider supporting the important work of the MHRC with a grant. Grants of any amount are welcome. I want to thank Flygirls and Anglers of the Au Sable for their continuing financial support of the MHRC.

I also encourage you to attend our fall event and the many events being hosted by our clubs. These are great opportunities to get information, federate and hone your fly fishing skills. This information is posted to our website (if provided by the club). If your club has not provided this information to the GLC and would like to do so, contact Colleen Jenkins, VP Communications, crowjenkins@comcast.net.

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REGISTRATION FORM
Great Lakes Council Fall Outing
October 23 – 25, 2015
Wa Wa Sum • Grayling, MI

$150        $75 due with registration

_________ Lodging & meal package @ $150  (Limited to 20 attendees)

_________ Meals only @ $75

_________ Saturday dinner only $25 – deposit to be mailed with registration

Check is payable to Great Lakes Council & mail with this form by October 1 to:
Wolf Schrey, GLC Fall Outing, 2141 Deer Hollow S.E, Grand Rapids, MI  49508

Name_________________________________________________________________
Address______________________________________________________________
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One Fly Contest_________________

Fall is a great time to fish the Grayling area with the Au Sable & Manistee rivers within walking or driving
distance. We’ll plan a two-team “One Fly” contest and offer prizes for the most and largest fish caught
during the day. On Saturday night Dennis Potter will join us for some tying demonstrations and if you
want to tie along bring your tying gear and join in.

We’re also planning on having a “ONE FLY” contest on Saturday and if you’d like to participate in the
event please indicate that on the form. Prizes will be awarded and teams paired up.
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

AQUACULTURE IN LAKE MICHIGAN?

Dave Peterson, newly elected VP for Conservation, recently attended an industry sponsored meeting in St. Ignace on cage pen aquaculture in the Great Lakes. Simply put, the fish farming industry is interested in establishing sites for cage pen fish farms in Lake Michigan similar to those used in Canada, Europe and South America.

The Great Lakes Council Conservation Committee is collaborating with the Anglers of the Au Sable, the Michigan Environmental Coalition (MEC), TU and other groups regarding cage pen culture. MEC strongly opposes this effort citing concerns about excess nutrient issues, disease and concerns about fish escaping and diluting wild stocks among other concerns.

As of now, MDNR and MDEQ have not taken any position on this issue as they are awaiting publication of a scientific report that has been commissioned regarding this issue. The report is expected in October, 2015 and then further action is expected. Obviously, this issue is of great interest to the GLC and we will monitor it carefully as this process goes forward.

Confirmed Detections of New Zealand Mudsnaills and Didymo in Michigan Waters

The following memo was received from Michigan DNR and MDEQ on September 2.

“The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently received reports and confirmed the presence of New Zealand mud snails and Didymo (Didymosphenia geminata) in Michigan waters. The confirmed occurrence of these two organisms is of great concern for the State of Michigan’s natural resource agencies because these species have the ability to reach nuisance densities that can cause negative impacts to Michigan’s aquatic ecosystems.

Didymo, commonly called “rock-snot” was detected in June in the St. Marys River near Sault Ste Marie, MI by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada during their annual invasive sea lamprey removal efforts. The detection was later confirmed by the DEQ and Lake Superior State University personnel. Didymo is a type of algae that has previously been identified in the Great Lakes Basin, but this recent detection in the St. Marys River marks the first time that this algae has reached nuisance bloom levels in Michigan waters. In areas where nuisance blooms commonly occur (e.g., western and eastern states) the algae attaches to rocky substrate and covers the bottoms of cold, clean freshwater streams and rivers that recreationally popular trout species generally inhabit. It is debatable whether this species is invasive to MI. Regardless, this is the first bloom ever detected in MI and it is a nuisance species that can negatively impact fishing.
New Zealand mud snails were detected and confirmed more recently in August, 2015 in the Pere Marquette
New Zealand mud snails are an invasive snail that is small in size (1/8” long) and therefore can be difficult to identify. Similar to most other invasive species, New Zealand mud snails reproduce in massive quantities and are extremely resilient (can live out of water for up to 24 hr). Where established, these snails dominate the bottoms of rivers and streams and exhibit invasive qualities, outcompeting and displacing macroinvertebrates that are vital as food sources for many fish species. In addition, these invasive snails have no nutritional value for fish.

The introductions of both Didymo and New Zealand mud snails have been linked to recreational uses, such as angling. These two organisms have the ability to hitch-hike rides on recreational gear, especially waders, which can then be transported to uninvaded waterbodies if disinfection approaches are not taken between locations. This highlights the importance to take steps to inspect and disinfect gear to protect Michigan’s waters and their world-class fisheries.

The DNR and DEQ have begun to communicate and partner with local stakeholder groups on steps moving forward in an attempt to limit the spread of harmful invaders. Unfortunately, control options for these nuisance organisms are limited and have low effectiveness; therefore, outreach targeted at prevention measures are the most effective management tool. In 2014, the DNR-Fisheries Division initiated conversations with trout angling groups to construct and maintain wader washing stations to promote prevention and outreach for aquatic invasive species. To date, multiple wader wash stations have been constructed and are being maintained on the Au Sable River near Grayling, MI. The plan moving forward is to increase the number of these wader washing stations in Baldwin, MI and adjacent areas. Furthermore, the DNR and DEQ continue to increase outreach campaigns to promote prevention actions such as cleaning, draining, and drying all gear and equipment before and after use in lakes, rivers, and streams. In addition to outreach activities, the DNR and DEQ plan to increase survey efforts to determine the status and distribution of these two organisms.”
**Didymo (“rock snot”)**  
*(Didymosphenia geminata)*  
*Present in some Michigan waters*

**Identification:**
- Looks and feels like white or tan/brown wet wool
- Ranges from small cotton ball sized patches to thick blankets and long ropy strings that flow in currents
- Although often referred to as “rock snot”, Didymo is **not** slimy

**Habitat:** Didymo thrives in low nutrient cold water systems. It is a microscopic single-celled freshwater diatom whose cells can form stalks that attach to hard substrates such as rocks. Under the right conditions, prolific growth patterns result in thick mats that can cover river and stream bottoms.

**Native Range:** Likely native to Lake Superior and parts of Canada.

**Local Concern:** Didymo mats alter habitat and food sources for fish and can make recreation difficult or unpleasant. Mats can also foul water intakes and fishing gear as well as impact fishing access and wading.

**Distribution:** Didymo cells have been documented in the Great Lakes Basin and Michigan waters in low abundance, but nuisance blooms have not been documented in Michigan until recently in the St. Marys River.

**Means of Introduction/spread:** Didymo can incidentally be transported on boats, anchors and fishing gear such as waders, felt soled boots and nets.

**TO REPORT:** Contact Seth Herbst with Michigan DNR at [herbsts1@michigan.gov](mailto:herbsts1@michigan.gov) or Bill Keiper with Michigan DEQ at [keiperw@michigan.gov](mailto:keiperw@michigan.gov).
TO REPORT: Contact Seth Herbst with Michigan DNR at herbsts1@michigan.gov or Bill Keiper with Michigan DEQ at keiperw@michigan.gov.

New Zealand Mudsnaill
(Potamopyrgus antipodarum)
*Established in some Michigan waters*

**Identification:**
- Average of 1/8 inch long
- 5-6 whorls on shell
- Shells vary from light brown to black
- Difficult to identify

**Habitat:** New Zealand mud snails can tolerate a wide variety of habitats, including reservoirs, estuaries, rivers, and lakes. They are most prolific in water bodies with a constant temperature and flow, but are highly adaptable.

**Diet:** Diet consists of diatoms, detritus, and plant and animal matter attached to submerged debris.

**Native Range:** New Zealand

**Local Concern:** While mudsnails are able to reproduce sexually, it is not always necessary. Populations in the U.S. are made up almost entirely of self-cloning parthenogenetic females. In a matter of one year, a single female could result in a colony of 40 million snails. They hold no nutritional value for native fishes, so populations in the U.S. do not fall subject to predation.

**U.S. Distribution:** Western United States, Great Lakes, and the Chesapeake Bay

**Means of Introduction:** Possibly via ballast water of transoceanic vessels or game fish imports
JOIN US TO LEARN, HAVE FUN AND FEDERATE

The GLC FLY FISHING SCHOOL & CONCLAVE is held at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center located on the north side of Higgins Lake near Roscommon and Grayling, Michigan. Adjacent to the Center is one of Michigan’s most popular parks, N. Higgins Lake State Park.

Educational programs will be offered for aspiring fly anglers as well as those experienced in the sport. Simultaneous programs and workshops for beginners, intermediate and advanced anglers will be offered Friday starting at 1:00 p.m. and all-day Saturday. A complete beginning fly fishing course to include on-stream instruction will be offered this year. Fly tying workshops will be offered Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. You are encouraged to bring your fly tying equipment (materials will be provided) or you can just come and watch. Programs and workshops on casting (including Spey Casting), warmwater fly fishing, and fly fishing for trout will also be on the schedule. IFFF Casting Certification will be available on Saturday.

Fishing opportunities in the area include not only the famous AuSable and Manistee River and their tributaries but also float tubing on nearby Wakely Lake, a catch and release lake with outstanding fishing for Bass, Bluegill, and even Northern Pike.

Federating along with the raffle & auction display will be ongoing in the Education Building on Friday and Saturday. Free hospitality will take place Friday and Saturday afternoon starting at 4 pm. If you just want to fish and federate you are still invited to attend.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO ANYONE

LODGING accommodations are available at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center and camping. Adjacent to the MacMullen Center is the North Higgins Lake State Park and other lodging and private campgrounds are also available.

Registration costs for Federation members is $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Add $10 to these costs for nonmembers. Special package rates are available ($210 double occupancy and $260 single occupancy) which include registration, two nights lodging, Friday lunch and dinner, breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. The beginning fly fishing class cost is $170 and the Spey Casting Workshop, Fly Casting Instructors Workshop and On Stream Workshop for Nymph Fishing Tactics will cost $60.00. Meals are available for those attending that are not using the lodging. The remaining programs and workshops are free with registration.

More details and registration material will be available in March, 2016 on the GLC website at www.fffiglc.org or contact Jim Schramm (231) 869-5487, e-mail jdschramm@oceana.net
The International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) will be launching their newest conservation program “Use the Bottle; Save the Fish”, aimed at reducing the use of single-use bottled water during their 50-year celebration in Bend Oregon this week. The organization, that created the well-known Catch and Release program back in the early ’70s, is once again launching a program to encourage its members to conserve fishery resources.

“The Federation has always been about conservation”, said Phillip Greenlee, president of the IFFF. “This program fits in with our mission statement of Conservation, Education and Restoration. The IFFF and its 17 National Councils have pledged to reduce the use of these bottles at their many events held around the country.”

“Our motto is All fish; All waters” stated Glenn Erikson, Director of Conservation for the IFFF, “and it effects everything in a straight line from our rivers uppermost watersheds all the way to the ocean. When you see the damage caused by these disposable bottles, it is hard to imagine any conscious angler using them. Water to fill these bottles, instead of coming from filtered but locally water sources, is either imported from great distances with a high hydrocarbon load, or from fragile fisheries in some of our favorite watersheds and is completely unnecessary. Many local water supplies in the US are extremely robust in terms of availability and purity. Plus these disposable water bottles use the equivalent of three bottles of water for their manufacture. Add to that the waste caused by abandoned bottles that end up floating downstream into the ocean, where they are broken down by currents and sunlight only to be harmfully ingested by our ocean’s creatures, from fish to sea birds to sea turtles to the seas’ smallest organisms.”

The Federation is encouraging its members to use only reusable water containers and to fill them from local sources. Thanks to a generous donation from Coleman, the launch at the 50th anniversary Fair will start off with ten donated 5 gallon jugs.

In many places, extensive recycling programs also allow the use of paper or plastic cups to be used and then placed in provided recycling bins. This program is novel in its recognition that not every venue allows for 100% reduction and any reduction helps in the long run.

In conjunction with the launch of this new initiative, the Federation has designed a commemorative aluminum bottle, with the slogan “Use the Bottle; Save the Fish” and original fish artwork by Robert “Bob” Newhall of Livingston, Montana. These bottles will be available at the 50th Anniversary of the International Federation of Fly Fishers at Bend, Oregon in August. The bottles will also be for sale on the IFFF online store later in August.

Purchase can be made at www.fedflyfishers.org/store.aspx.
The Great Lakes Council of the IFFF gratefully thanks the following companies and individuals for their generous donations to the 2015 Fly Fishing School and Fair. We appreciate their support of the Great Lakes Council and encourage our members to consider their products as you make your fly fishing purchases and plan your trips. THANK YOU!

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FLYGIRLS STEP-UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

Flygirls join in with the Anglers of the Au Sable annual river clean-up.

We had a great turnout for the clean-up, 10 Flygirls braved the high waters of the south branch. It’s a great feeling, giving back to a special place in our hearts. I highly encourage other GLC clubs to put a group together and clean the water you fish.

Thanks, to everyone that helped!!

Special thanks to Gates Lodge for hosting event.
American Rivers protects wild rivers, restores damaged rivers, and conserves clean water for people and nature. Since 1973, American Rivers has protected and restored more than 150,000 miles of rivers through advocacy efforts, on-the-ground projects, and an annual America’s Most Endangered Rivers® campaign.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, American Rivers has offices across the country and more than 200,000 members, supporters, and volunteers.

Through our river conservation work we are ensuring clean drinking water supplies, revitalizing fish and wildlife, improving recreation, and leaving a legacy of healthy rivers for future generations.

To learn more about American River visit www.americanrivers.org

For over 20 years the FFF Steelhead Committee has brought a voice to wild steelhead throughout the Pacific Northwest. We advocate for the conservation of existing wild steelhead and salmon stocks and the restoration of degraded habitats and depressed runs. Through our publication The Osprey, we are able to provide a unique source of timely news and commentary regarding the management, science, and recovery of steelhead and salmon. We acknowledge the challenges that lay ahead for wild salmon and steelhead including the impacts of climate change, population growth, ill-advised dams and misguided hatchery production. However we are hopeful that with dedicated work on their behalf, salmon can recover and thrive in perpetuity.

To recover wild steelhead and salmon populations, it is crucial that wild fish advocates maintain a loud, and unified voice. We hope you will enjoy and learn from The Osprey’s content and that it will help catalyze the growing chorus of passionate anglers and advocates working for a future with healthy populations of wild steelhead and salmon throughout their native range.

www.ospreysteelhead.org

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

Every gift regardless of amount is greatly appreciated and will be used to support projects and events within the Great Lakes Council. This is not limited to the three categories listed on the Donation Form but rather is a place to start for conserving, restoring and educating within the sport of fly fishing. To qualify for a tax deduction, contributions must be made by December 31st of that year and will give the Council a push for the year ahead.

Contributions at the Lake Michigan level may be designated for specific projects supported or promoted by the GLC. Fund Categories are listed as follows and specific descriptions of each can be found on the GLC web site www.fffglc.org:

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Benefactors at the Century Club and Lake Michigan levels are entitled to free admission and/or registration at all GLC events (currently the Fly Tying Expo and Fly Fishing School and Conclave). Members will also receive a 10% discount on GLC merchandise which includes pins, T-shirts, shirts and anniversary prints. Those giving for the first time will receive the GLC 25th Anniversary Print by artist David Ruimveld.

DONATION FORM

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS  GREAT LAKES COUNCIL  Conserving • Restoring • Educating

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Don Sawyer, VP Development,
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